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February 25, 1993

Ms. Lauren Belvin
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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belvin:

Over the past few weeks, I have received numerous comments regarding Proposed Rule Docket 92-235.

As you can see, many of my constituents are concerned that this rule will infringe on the safe operation of radio controlled models. Your careful consideration of their comments would be greatly appreciated.

If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Bill Sarpalius

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(2) Letters attached

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The Honorable Bill Sarpalius
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Dear Congressman Sarpalius,

During the past year, I have started building and flying remote control (RC) model planes. This is something I have wanted to do for many years since spending many happy hours during my childhood building display type model aircraft. Now that I can afford to indulge in this hobby and have purchased several models and complete radio gear, I am now told that there is the possibility my RC radio equipment may become useless.

The concern is proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for RC model use and increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to RC model operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

Many of the RC safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

The model I fly on a weekly basis has a wingspan of almost seven feet and weighs approximately 10 pounds. It would not only be expensive to replace if damaged, but could cause serious property damage or injury if control is lost by a land mobile radio invading my frequency.

It is unfair of the FCC to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment.

The RC aircraft hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to people like myself

February 2, 1993

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The Honorable Bill Sarpalius
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Subject: Federal Communications Commission NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Sarpalius:

Please intercede with the FCC regarding their proposed plans to split radio frequencies currently allocated to remote controlled models and mobile communications in the 72 to 76 MHz bands into additional more closely spaced bands.

Manufacturers have made great improvements in frequency control and the sanctioning organizations, such as the Academy of Model Aeronautics and our local club, have imposed